

## JUSTIFICATION

Jharkhand has been moving firmly ahead on path of development and striving hard to achieve all round development of state. However, there are several obstacles are present which can decelerate the momentum of development, lack of infrastructure is one of them.

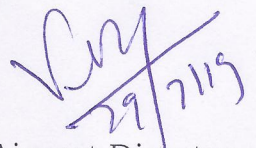
One of the most lacking infrastructure in state is "Airport". As we know, Jharkhand has only one operational airport at Ranchi which is insufficient to cater the whole state. It is a proven fact the airport can boost socio economic status of the town/city dramatically because air travel not only connects people but it connects economies to further develop the global economy.

Jamshedpur is not only important industrial town not only in Jharkhand but also recognized industrial town of India but it still lacks air connectivity. People travel to the town only through Ranchi airport. Peoples leave Jamshedpur at least six hour before the time of flight to reach Ranchi airport, it is waste of precious time of them.

The fast growing and established industrial town Jamshedpur immediately needs an airport to increase its contribution in economic development of state and country.

Sonari Aerodrome at Jamshedpur is not suitable for commercial flights of ATR-72 and above categories ,due to its short runway length and non possibility of its proper extension. Airports Authority of India and Govt of Jharkhand tried hard to find a suitable place to construct airport but due to huge urbanization and geographical reason, no suitable place is available near the town. The most and only suitable place is Dhalbhumgarh (around 55 km from Jamshedpur). This place already has a defunct structure of runway as it was used as an airport at the time of Second World War.

Hence the selection of place is justified.



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